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(1) That the data already gathered be used as the basis for the preparation of a report on the whole subject of Theological Seminaries and Training Schools;

(2) That earnest efforts be made to obtain as complete information as possible regarding all institutions not already heard from which are preparing men and women for the various forms of Christian ministry;

(3) That where necessary or advisable in order to secure complete knowledge of particular institutions, personal visits be made to the institutions concerned.

(4) That careful consideration be given to a study of the Bible institutes and training schools of various names as to their origin, standards, products and general relation to the future welfare of the churches and their ministers.

(5) That the aim of the whole work of the Committee be to study, assimilate and publish the facts surveyed in so far as will contribute to the following results:

a. To inform the churches of the whole facts regarding the present supply and training of Christian workers.

b. To arouse interest in this vital aspect of the life and work of the churches among all Christian leaders, both ministers and laymen.

c. To encourage those who are engaged as teachers, directors, and supporters of the work of the seminaries and other training schools in the carrying out of their great task.

d. By these means to make a contribution towards increasing the number and quality of ministers and other Christian workers.

The revised, greatly simplified and abbreviated schedules will soon be ready for use; much other preliminary work has already been accomplished and many seminaries and training schools have expressed their hearty interest and desire to render all possible co-operation in bringing the work to an effective conclusion.

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#### PERTINENT PARAGRAPHS

The Department of Religious Education of the Protestant Episcopal Church has issued a carefully prepared set of blanks for the evaluation of each student available for church work.

The blanks call for a report by the student, a report by the college authorities, a report by the college clergy and a report by the home rector, all with the purpose of making a sympathetic estimate of the candidate's fitness for the work to which he aspires.

During the summer the degree of Doctor of Philosophy was conferred with honor on Miss Mabel Therese Bonney by the University of Paris. Miss Bonney assisted Dr. Kelly in the administration of the French Scholarship Plan in American colleges and universities during the years 1918 and 1919. She is the fourth woman who has received the doctor's degree from the University of Paris and the youngest person who has received the degree in the history of the university.

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#### SCHOOL AND SOCIETY

With which are consolidated *The School Journal*, established in 1874, and *The Teachers' Magazine*, established 1878

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The July-August number of the *Baptist Education Bulletin*, published by the Board of Education of the Southern Baptist Convention, contains Dr. Foster's article on "Religious Problems of the Universities" and his article on "The Religious Challenge of the Universities," which were published in the June issue of CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

The July number of *The Educational Record*, the organ of the American Council on Education, Washington, D. C., contains Dr. Kelly's address on "Present Standards of Protestant Church Boards of Education."

The August issue of *Religious Education* contains Dr. Kelly's Rochester address on "Biblical History and Literature as a College Entrance Requirement." The September 14 *Outlook* draws liberally from this address in an article on "Indications of Increasing Bible Study."

Professor Charles F. Kent, Woolsey Professor of Biblical Literature at Yale University, began his series of educational and civic conferences under the joint auspices of the Council and of the Association of Biblical Instructors in American Colleges and Secondary Schools on September 30 at Lindenwood College, Mo. During the month of October he will hold conferences at the University of Missouri and the Bible College of Missouri, Kansas State Agricultural College, Kansas State Normal College, Washburn College, Des Moines and Iowa Colleges, and the University of Iowa.

During the month of November he will be at Carleton College, Lake Forest University, the University of Minnesota and the Churches of Minneapolis, Milwaukee Downer and other Wisconsin colleges, the University of Wisconsin and the University of Michigan.

Dr. H. H. Sweets, Secretary of the Presbyterian Church in the United States for Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, announces a series of cash prizes of \$50, \$20, and \$10 for the best brief sermon or address on the Ministry or Mission Service, and a like series of cash prizes for the best brief sermon or address on "Christian Education" or "Our Presbyterian Schools and Colleges."

According to Raymond Walters, the Secretary of the American Association of Collegiate Registrars, the University of California is without question the largest university in this country in point of enrollment. He reports that the university is giving instruction to no less than 39,904 persons.

The Council is reprinting in pamphlet form, with the permission of *Harper's Magazine*, the article in the June issue "—But Why Preach?"

"Allow me to tell you personally how much I appreciate the material in CHRISTIAN EDUCATION. It is the most useful of all my magazines in this work."—A University Pastor

"I am just in receipt of your May number of CHRISTIAN EDUCATION and I am writing to express my great pleasure and my appreciation of your work in getting out such a number. You are doing a great service to the cause of Christian education, both in its larger aspects and national development and also in

its helpfulness to the denominational boards and to the individual colleges.”—A College President.

“It is a very great pleasure to follow your earnest efforts in CHRISTIAN EDUCATION to compile statistics of the religious affiliations of students not only in state and other universities, but also in private and state colleges. Knowing the difficulty of obtaining such information, I am surprised that you have done so well.”—An Editor of the Catholic Encyclopedia.

“I have just had a chance to look over the June issue of CHRISTIAN EDUCATION. I want to congratulate you on the careful piece of work you have there done on ‘Religion in American Universities.’ I am calling this to the attention of several of my colleagues.”—An International Secretary of the Y. M. C. A.

#### AMONG THE SECRETARIES

Williams College, his alma mater, conferred upon Dr. E. P. Hill of the Presbyterian General Board, the degree of Doctor of Divinity at the June Commencement.

Dr. A. W. Harris, of the Methodist Episcopal Board, spent the month of August in the northwestern part of the country, visiting some of the strategic educational centers.

Dr. E. D. Burton is chairman and Dr. F. W. Padelford is a member of a special Commission which has been sent to China to study educational cooperation in that field.

Three Boards of the Council now have women student secretaries, they being Miss Mary E. Markley, of the United Lutheran Board, Miss Agnes M. Hall, of the Department of Religious Education of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and Miss Frances P. Greenough, of the Northern Baptist Board.

The “Deans” of the church workers in the summer conferences who helped to inaugurate the Geneva Plan, were Dr. O. D. Foster at Lake Geneva, Rev. Paul Micou at Silver Bay, Dr. H. H. Sweets at Blue Ridge, and Rev. George R. Baker at Estes Park.

Dr. George H. Miller, of the Methodist Protestant Board, was a delegate to the Ecumenical Conference of Methodists in London in September.

President Micou, of the Council, is spending two and one-

half months, until the end of November, in educational centers in the Northwest.

Dr. Charles S. Bauslin, of the United Lutheran Board, will make the round of Southern schools in November.

Dr. Kelly and Dr. O. D. Foster are scheduled to visit a number of the theological seminaries and training schools in the United States and Canada during the next few months.

The Board of Education of the Disciples of Christ has added to its staff a new Promotional Secretary in the person of G. I. Hoover, who has been the missionary superintendent of the Eastern Indiana district.

#### GLIMPSES OF THE PACE SETTERS

The General Board has developed a "Challenge Fund" which has assisted in bringing unusual results in the financial campaigns of the Presbyterian colleges. Dr. Hill reported at the General Assembly "Never before have the colleges reported additional pledges to their funds to an amount anywhere near the amounts reported this year."

The results of the "Christian Education Movement" under the general auspices of the Board of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, constitute probably the most spectacular achievement of the year. More than five thousand recruits for Christian service were secured, over eighteen million dollars subscribed to the educational institutions, and the meaning of Christian education was written as never before into the hearts of Southern Methodists.

The specialized religious work of Dr. Allyn K. Foster, among students in the colleges and universities has drawn out unusual expressions of appreciation from his Board—Northern Baptist.

The Educational Board of the Southern Baptist Convention has established a "Christian Education Day" which is commanding widespread attention.

The General Synod of the Reformed Church in America redirected their board of Education to press forward the work of establishing Biblical Departments for lay workers in their colleges and academies and issued a special appeal in behalf of ministerial enlistment.

The National Council of the Congregational Churches estab-

lished the "Congregational Foundation for Education" and appointed a "Commission on Recruiting of the Ministry."

There was returned to the Methodist Episcopal Student Loan Fund during the past year by former beneficiaries a total of almost \$150,000.

Dr. William V. Coffin, the Financial Secretary of the Friends Board of Education, successfully completed his first official task in the endowment campaign for Pacific College, Oregon.

The Board of Education of the United Brethren in Christ, under the leadership of Dr. W. E. Schell, has been unusually successful in its campaign for student enlistments for Christian work.

The Board of Education of the United Presbyterian Church has established a "Student Travelling Fund," the purpose of which is to furnish a rebate to all United Presbyterian students who are required to travel more than one hundred and fifty miles in attending one of their colleges. It is interesting to note that the proportion both of the members and of the college graduates who enter upon the study for the ministry among United Presbyterian students is two, three and four times as great as that of other leading denominations.

During the year ending March 31, 1921, there was added to the Endowment Fund of Ministerial Relief under the jurisdiction of the Executive Committee of Christian Education of the Presbyterian Church in the United States the sum of \$697,461.70 and during the same time \$29,700 was added to the Life Annuity Fund of that Board.

One of the most important advances to be noted on the part of the Methodist Episcopal Board is that its resources now "permit it to begin to departmentalize its activities under adequate leadership."

In the estimation of the Board Representatives and Association Secretaries the success of the last Summer Association Student Conferences was unprecedented both as regards the number of Church Representatives present throughout the Conferences and the hearty cooperation of the Association and Church leaders.

The International Convention of the Disciples of Christ at its annual meeting at Winona Lake in September gave general approval to the proposed plan of reorganization of the Board of

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Education of that brotherhood. The reorganized Board will represent an interesting development in its widely democratic appeal and at the same time in its provisions for the highest possible degree of efficient administration. The details of the plan are to be brought before the next meeting of the International Convention.

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#### THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF BIBLICAL INSTRUCTORS IN AMERICAN COLLEGES AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS, DECEMBER, 1920

[EDITOR'S NOTE—As usual this report is edited by Professor Kent.—R. L. Kelly.]

The eleventh annual conference of Biblical Instructors in American Colleges and Secondary Schools was held at the Hill School in Pottstown, Pa., on December 28-29, 1921. For the first time in the history of this Association the Conference was not held in New York City, as it was felt that the proposal to hold the Conference under the auspices of a friendly School which would house the delegates and enable them to unite under one roof, would be a helpful experiment. It may be said here that the result of the experiment is, to a certain extent, doubtful. Whatever advantages accrued from the plan of meeting under one roof in possibly more favorable surroundings than those experienced in New York City, were somewhat offset by the fact that, Pottstown being less accessible to many than New York City, there were fewer members present than at the gathering in 1919. Be that as it may, the meetings were of unusual interest; those delegates who were able to come enjoyed a somewhat more homelike atmosphere, and the informality of the Conference was very pleasant.

The first meeting was held on Tuesday evening, and opened with a word of welcome from the President, Professor Kent. Owing to the fact that Dr. Kelly was able to stay but a short time his report was read first. As Secretary of the Council of Church Boards of Education, Dr. Kelly has contributed most effectively to the work of this Association in securing from the Colleges an expression of their willingness to accept candidates who offer Bible History as one unit of College Entrance. From Dr. Kelly's report it is quite evident that the burden of proof now rests with the Preparatory Schools. The motions which resulted from Dr.